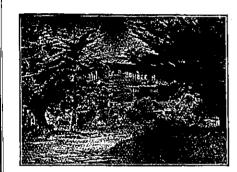


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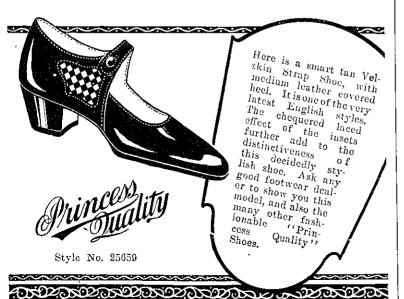
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# The Ultra-Modern Girl

By J. JEFFERSON FARJEON

cent times, none has been the status of womanhood? womanhood

A dozen years ago the Victorian girl, although referred to retrospectively, was not entirely a creature of the past. One found her here and there in the cities, and she lingered in the provinces in slightly greater numbers. While the majority of

MONG the great changes of re- that is, into this fresh conception of greater or more sweeping in more important, is the fresh conits effect than the transformation of ception a good and a lasting one?

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> m George\ upwards\ or\ downwards}^{
> m ALE\ writers\ from\ Mr.\ W.\ L.}$ are apt to consider that they have explored and discovered all the secret depths of a woman's soul, Certainly I make no such claim, feeling indeed that there are innumer-



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minority could still kneel to her lavender and lace.

But now, though perhaps not quite extinct, she is practically prehistoric, She evokes man's interest, not his passion—just as a prehistoric monster in a museum evokes his curiosity and not his fear, And in her place has arisen an astonishing new woman, a creation of mushroom growth. A dozen years is nothing in the history of human development, and the growth of the modern girl, together with our acceptance of her, forms a miracle which puts wireless in the shade.

Do we accept her because we have to, or have men, by their own new attitude and requirements, called her into existence-forced her.

men were not attracted to her, a able depths of my own soul quite beyond my comprehension, There are, however, certain obvious expressions and tendencies in the modern girl which may be reviewed and commented on without any pretentions to subtlety.

Generally speaking, the modern girl has, during the past dozen years, either acquired or increased her regard for:

- (a) Drinking and smoking;
- (b) Paint and powder;
- (c) Slang;
- (d) Pastimes demanding physical vigour
- (c) Work, apart from the household variety;
- (f) Individual independence and freedom of action;

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